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President Minimizes Spying by Israel

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WASHINGTON, June 11 — President Reagan said tonight that the Administration had no evidence that the Israeli Government had conducted widespread spying in the United States.

In a nationally broadcast news conference Mr. Reagan appeared to present a public posture similar to one voiced by the State Department in an internal Administration dispute on the extent of Israeli espionage efforts in the United States.

Justice Department and senior White House officials have suggested that Israeli spying efforts were broader than what emerged in the case of Jonathan J. Pollard, a former Navy analyst who pleaded guilty last week to spying for Israel.

The Israeli Government has said it had no knowledge of the spying and attributed it to a "renegade" operation.

Mr. Reagan's comment on the spy case came after a statement by the State Department Monday insisting that there was no evidence of any espionage ring involved Israeli officials other than those implicated in the Pollard case.

'No Evidence Presented to Us'

The Justice Department and some White House officials had said that Mr. Pollard, as part of a plea-bargaining agreement, was supplying information that could lead to the arrest of other Israelis involved in spying.

"So far," Mr. Reagan said tonight, "there is no evidence presented to us" by anyone that Israelis were spying in this country other than those impli-

cated by Mr. Pollard.

"The only thing I know is that the Israeli Government has assured us as much as they can that they have never had any program of trying to get intelligence information from our country or doing spying on us, and so far, as I say, the Justice Department has said they will look to see if there is anything they can find out," Mr. Reagan said.

Asked what he would do, if such evidence emerged, Mr. Reagan said, "Well, I think we'll have to deal with that then and find out whether it's a surprise to the Israeli Government whether someone was off playing their own game or not."

Remarks on Hunger

On another matter, Mr. Reagan said "it was difficult to believe" that people in the United States were starving because there was not enough food available to them. The remarks reinforced, but in stronger terms, a view offered by Mr. Reagan three weeks ago that people who were going hungry lacked information about where or how to get help.

In responding to a question about the Supreme Court's decision today upholding the right to abortions, Mr. Reagan vowed to continue an Administration effort to find a "proper way" to assure medical treatment for handicapped infants. The Supreme Court on Monday struck down Administration regulations designed to force such treatment even when parents were opposed.